

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1163

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Roy E. Morgan of  
Rogersville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Roy E. Morgan of Rogersville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Hawkins County, he was a highly respected member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Roy Morgan was born in Hancock County and served nobly in the United States Army before returning home and marrying Kathleen Leaman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan farmed in Hancock County and later moved to a farm in the Webster's Valley area of Hawkins County, where they reared a family of seven on a dairy farm; upon retiring from farming, Mr. Morgan moved to Rogersville; and

WHEREAS, a devout man of faith, Mr. Morgan was an active member of two congregations; while in Webster's Valley, he served as a Sunday School teacher and deacon for Tunnell Hill Baptist Church, and while in Rogersville, he was a faithful member of the Berean Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was greatly involved in his community, participating in such organizations as the Hawkins County Farm Bureau, for which he served as President for twenty-seven years; the Hawkins County Memorial Hospital Board of Directors; the Kiwanis Club; and the Hawkins Farmer's Co-operative, which he helped establish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Roy Morgan is survived by his wife of sixty-nine years, Kathleen Leaman Morgan; his daughters, Jane Wallace and her husband, Homer, Mary Kate Talbert and her husband, Sam, and Lena Gray and her husband, Lawrence; his sons, George Morgan and his wife, Kaye, John Morgan, and Larry Morgan; his grandchildren, Cheryl Wallace, Dawn Wallace Adams, Karen Morgan Byington, Amy Gray Curvin, Carol Gray Miller, Andrew Morgan, Alex Morgan, and Grant Morgan; ten great-grandchildren; and many special friends, including John Curtis, Larry Hagood, and Raymond Absher; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his son, Terry Joe Morgan; his parents, Elbert Benjamin "EB" and Sarah Jane Mitchell Morgan; his sisters, Vergie Livesay, Mary Brown, Nora Lawson, Elsie Brown, and Hazel Riley; and his brother, Bascom Morgan; and

WHEREAS, Roy Morgan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Roy E. Morgan, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Morgan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.